

Curriculum Vitæ

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Texas A&M University-Central Texas

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EDUCATION

Graduate:

2006-2011 The University of Texas at Arlington
Arlington, Texas

Ph.D. in Transatlantic History, May 2011

Dissertation: “Place-Names, Conquest, and Empire: Spanish and Amerindian Conceptions of Place in the New World” – Committee: Douglas Richmond, chair; John Garrigus; Imre Demhardt; Kimberly Breuer

Comprehensive Examination Fields: The Charting of Empires; Transatlantic Slavery; Migration, Settlement, and Travel Writing

2004-2006 Tarleton State University
Stephenville, Texas

Master of Arts Degree in History, May 2006

Thesis: “Oysters, Macaroni, and Beer: The Texas Pacific Mercantile & Manufacturing Company of Thurber, Texas” – Committee: T. Lindsay Baker, chair; Christopher Guthrie; Patricia Zelman

Undergraduate:

2001-2003 Tarleton State University
Stephenville, Texas

Bachelor of Arts Degree in History, December 2003

1998-2000 Central Texas College
Killeen, Texas

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 2013-Present Temple College
Temple, Texas
Full-Time Instructor

January 2014-Present Texas A&M University–Central Texas
Killeen, Texas
Adjunct Professor

August 2010-Present Navarro College
Corsicana, Texas
Adjunct Professor

July 2011-August 2013	The University of Texas at Arlington Arlington, Texas Adjunct Lecturer
August 2006-May 2011	The University of Texas at Arlington Arlington, Texas Graduate Instructor/Graduate Teaching Assistant
June 2008-August 2008 July 2007-August 2007 July 2006-August 2006	Tarleton State University Stephenville, Texas Adjunct Professor
July 2005-August 2005	Tarleton State University Stephenville, Texas Graduate Instructor
August 2004-June 2006	Tarleton State University/W. K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas Stephenville and Thurber, Texas Graduate Assistant at the Gordon Center museum

BOOKS

2012 *Oysters, Macaroni, and Beer: Thurber, Texas, and the Company Store*. Lubbock: Texas Tech University Press, 2012.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2011 "Place-Names in Nuevo Santander: José de Escandón, Indians, and the Power of Names." *Journal of South Texas* 24, no. 2 (Fall 2011): 4-23.
- 2011 "The Discovery of Germany in America: Hans Staden, Ulrich Schmidel, and the Construction of a German Identity." *Traversea: Journal of Transatlantic History* 1 (2011): 26-45.
- 2011 "Re-Naming Texas: Competing Mexican and Anglo Placenames in Texas, 1821-1836." *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* 59, no. 3 (September 2011): 139-151.
- 2010 "La Salle Lands in Texas: La Salle and the Historians." *East Texas Historical Journal* 48, no. 1 (Winter 2010): 40-58.
- 2008 "Coronelli's Texan Mississippi: A Reinterpretation of the *America Settentrionale* of 1688." *Terrae Incognitae* 40 (2008): 82-101.

PAPERS

- 2014 "The Politics of Exploration: The Uses and Abuses of La Salle" – Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries, October 31, 2014
- 2010 "Explorers, Charts, and Borders: La Salle, Delisle, and the French Mapping of Texas" – Paper presented at biannual meeting of the Texas Map Society, October 9, 2010
- 2010 "Re-Naming Texas: Mexicanization of Texas Place Names, 1821-1836" – Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, March 4, 2010
- 2010 "'7 o'clock and Pay-Day': The Company Store Employees of Thurber, Texas" – Paper presented at the combined meeting of the East Texas Historical Association and West Texas Historical Association Meeting, February 26, 2010

- 2010 “Place-Names and Power: José de Escandón, Indians, and the Naming of Nuevo Santander” – Paper presented at the Conference on Latin American History annual meeting in conjunction with the AHA, January 10, 2010
- 2009 “La Salle, the Mississippi, and the Historians” – Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries, October 13, 2009
- 2007 “Coronelli’s Texan Mississippi: A Reinterpretation of Coronelli’s 1688 Map of North America” – Paper presented at the Mid-America Conference on History, September 27, 2007
- 2007 “Booze, Brawls, and Big Business: The Importance of Alcohol and Saloons to the Company Town of Thurber, Texas” – Paper presented at the annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association, March 30, 2007
- 2007 “The Death and Casual Rebirth of Thurber” – Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, March 8, 2007
- 2006 “Oysters, Macaroni, and Beer: The Business Enterprises of the Texas Pacific Mercantile & Manufacturing Company of Thurber, Texas” – Paper presented at the annual meeting of the West Texas Historical Association, March 31, 2006

PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 “Booze and Bootlegging in Thurber and Beyond” – Presentation for the Community Workshop Series, sponsored by the Center for Texas Studies at TCU and the Fort Worth Library, Tandy Lecture Hall, Fort Worth Central Library, Fort Worth, May 3, 2014
- 2013 “The Company Store in Thurber” – Presentation at the W. K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas, Tarleton State University, June 16, 2013
- 2012 “Oysters, Macaroni, and Beer: Thurber, Texas, and the Company Store” – Presentation and book signing at the Mineral Wells Public Library, Mineral Wells, TX, November 10, 2012
- 2012 “Oysters, Macaroni & Beer: The Company Store in Thurber” – Presentation and book signing at the W. K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas, Tarleton State University, October 14, 2012
- 2012 “Oysters, Macaroni, and Beer: Thurber, Texas, and the Company Store” – Presentation and book signing at Tarrant County College, Southeast Campus Library, October 11, 2012
- 2012 “Submitting and Presenting Papers at Academic Conferences” – Brown Bag Presentation to Transatlantic History Student Organization, UTA, February 22, 2012
- 2010 “Researching Your Dissertation” – Brown Bag Presentation to Transatlantic History Ph.D. Students, UTA, December 1, 2010
- 2010 “The Spanish Name the New World” – Presentation to UTA’s Phi Alpha Theta, October 13, 2010
- 2009 “The Syncretization of Place-Names: Spanish and Amerindian Conceptions of Place in the New World” – THSO’s Second Annual Prospectus/Dissertation Workshop for Ph.D. Students, UTA, April 20, 2009
- 2009 “The Cosmology and Cartography of the Inca” – Guest lecture in Dr. Douglas Richmond’s class, Modern Latin America (HIST 4367), UTA, March 13, 2009
- 2008 “Booze and Bootlegging in Thurber” – Presentation at the W. K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas, Tarleton State University, July 27, 2008
- 2006 “Oysters, Macaroni, and Beer: The Texas Pacific Mercantile & Manufacturing Company of Thurber, Texas” – Presentation at the W. K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas, Tarleton State University, May 21, 2006

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2015 Review of *Christopher Columbus’s Naming in the diarios of the Four Voyages (1492–1504): A Discourse of Negotiation* by Evelina Gužauskytė. *Terrae Incognitae* 47, no. 2 (September 2015): 169-171.

- 2015 Review of *Return to Aztlan: Indians, Spaniards, and the Invention of Nuevo México*, by Danna A. Levin Rojo. *Terrae Incognitae* 47, no. 1 (April 2015): 75-77.
- 2014 Review of *Maps of Paradise*, by Alessandro Scafi. *Historical Geography* 42 (2014): 415-417.
- 2013 Review of *Secret Science: Spanish Cosmography and the New World*, by María M. Portuondo. *Historical Geography* 41 (2013): 210-212.
- 2013 Review of *Juan Domínguez de Mendoza: Soldier and Frontiersman of the Spanish Southwest, 1627-1693*, edited by France V. Scholes, Marc Simmons, and José Antonio Esquibel. *Terrae Incognitae* 45, no. 2 (October 2013): 149-150.
- 2013 Review of *Early American Cartographies*, edited by Martin Brückner. *Terrae Incognitae* 45, no. 1 (April 2013): 70-71.
- 2013 Review of *The Ópatas: In Search of a Sonoran People*, by David A. Yetman. *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 32, no. 2 (April 2013): 236-238.
- 2012 Review of *The Eve of Spain: Myths of Origins in the History of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Conflict*, by Patricia E. Grieve. *Historical Geography* 40 (2012): 225-226.
- 2012 Review of *Where the West Begins: Debating Texas Identity*, by Glen Sample Ely. *Fronteras*. 21 (Fall 2012): 5.
- 2011 Review of *The Image of the World: 20 Centuries of World Maps*, by Peter Whitfield. *Terrae Incognitae* 43, no. 2 (September 2011): 185-186.
- 2011 Review of *Promised Land: Solms, Castro, and Sam Houston's Colonization Contracts*, by Jefferson Morgenthaler. *Agricultural History* 85, no. 3 (Summer 2011): 426-427.
- 2010 Review of *The Wrecking of La Salle's Ship Aimable and the Trial of Claude Aigron*, by Robert S. Weddle. *Terrae Incognitae* 42 (2010): 82-83.
- 2010 "The Interconnected Atlantic World." Review of *The Atlantic World: A History, 1400-1888*, by Douglas Egerton, Alison Games, Donald R. Wright, Kris E. Lane, and Jane G. Landers. H-TGS, H-Net Reviews. April 2010, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=26172>.
- 2010 Review of *The Wrecking of La Salle's Ship Aimable and the Trial of Claude Aigron*, by Robert S. Weddle. *East Texas Historical Journal* 48, no. 1 (Winter 2010): 105-107.
- 2009 Review of *The Birth of a Texas Ghost Town: Thurber, 1886-1933*, by Mary Jane Gentry, T. Lindsay Baker, ed. *The Mining History Journal* (2009): 78-79.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2012 Danny McQueen GTA Teaching Award, University of Texas at Arlington
- 2011 Phi Kappa Phi, University of Texas at Arlington
- 2010 Summer Dissertation Fellowship, University of Texas at Arlington
- 2009 University Scholar, President's Convocation for Academic Excellence, University of Texas at Arlington
- 2008-2009 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
- 2008 Jenkins Garrett Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, for "Coronelli's Texan Mississippi: A Reinterpretation of the *America Settentrionale* of 1688," University of Texas at Arlington
- 2006-2011 Graduate Dean Doctoral Fellowship, University of Texas at Arlington
- 2002 Outstanding Poet Award, Tarleton's *Anthology*
- 1998 Killeen High School Baseball Academic Athlete Award
- 1994 National Geographic Bee, Texas State Finalist
- 1993 National Geographic Bee, Texas State Finalist – Top 10
- 1992 National Geographic Bee, Texas State Finalist – Top 10

SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED

- 2009 Transatlantic History Student Organization – Tenth Annual Graduate Student Symposium – “Transatlantic Exploration in the Era of Humboldt”
- 2008 Transatlantic History Student Organization – Ninth Annual Graduate Student Symposium – “Slavery in the Transatlantic World”
- 2007 Transatlantic History Student Organization – Eighth Annual Graduate Student Symposium – “Spiritual Encounters in the New World”

OTHER SCHOLARLY WORK

- Blog Editor for [Terraes Inbognitae](#), the blog of the Society for the History of Discoveries, 2012-present
- Manuscript reviewer for [Traversea: Journal of Transatlantic History](#), 2012-present
- Manuscript review for the University of Oklahoma Press, 2011
- Proofreading and suggested edits for *Charting Chartered Companies: Concessions to Companies as Mirrored in Maps, 1600-1900* by Ben Huseman, 2010
- Interviewed in [Transatlantic History in Texas: University of Texas at Arlington](#) on the [American Historical Association’s Historians TV](#), 2010
- Student editor and article author for a proposed Facts on File *Encyclopedia of the Caribbean*, 2009-2011
- [“Bootlegging in the Thurber Area,”](#) blog entry for the [Industrious Historian](#), a project of the W. K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas, Tarleton State University, 2009
- Aided in transcription of diary entries for *Two Boston Brahmins in Goethe’s Germany: The Travel Journals of Anna and George Ticknor* by George Ticknor and Anna Ticknor, edited by Thomas Adam and Gisela Mettele, 2009
- Cursory aid in research and manuscript preparation for *The Birth of a Texas Ghost Town: Thurber, 1886-1933* by Mary Jane Gentry, edited by T. Lindsay Baker, 2008
- [“Bibliography of Thurber Material,”](#) online bibliography at the W. K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas, Tarleton State University, 2006

COURSES TAUGHT

- United States History I (The United States, 1607-1865, U. S. History Through 1877, & American History I)
- United States History II (The United States, 1865-Present, U. S. History Since 1877, & American History II)
- History of Texas
- Directed Readings: Texas to the Revolution and Republic (Graduate course, TAMUCT)
- Texas to 1850
- Topics in Texas History (Graduate course, TAMUCT)
- Colonial Latin America
- Spanish and British Empires in America, 1492-1830
- Directed Readings: Colonial America (Graduate course, TAMUCT)
- History of Cartography and Exploration (Graduate course, TAMUCT)
- History of Cartography
- History of Spain and Portugal
- World History Since 1700
- Historian’s Craft

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Professional Organizations

Society for the History of Discoveries
Texas State Historical Association

Memberships and Offices

2011-Present Phi Kappa Phi, University of Texas at Arlington
2008-2010 Vice-President of the Transatlantic History Student Organization
2007-2008 President of the Transatlantic History Student Organization
2006-2007 Vice-President of the Transatlantic History Student Organization
2006-2011 Transatlantic History Student Organization
2006-Present Phi Alpha Theta, Omicron Kappa Chapter, UTA
2006 Secretary of Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha Beta Chi Chapter, Tarleton
2005 Treasurer of Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha Beta Chi Chapter, Tarleton
2004-Present Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha Beta Chi Chapter, Tarleton
1994-1998 National Honor Society
1994 National Junior Honor Society

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2015-Present Textbook Sub-Committee, Temple College
2015-Present Proctored Testing Sub-Committee, Temple College
2015-Present Faculty Title Sub-Committee, Temple College
2015-Present Member, History faculty search committee, Temple College
2015 Member, History faculty search committee, Temple College
2015-Present History Movie Night, Temple College, Faculty co-sponsor
2015-Present Coordinator, History Department core course objectives assessment, Temple College
2014-Present City of Temple Corporate Challenge, represented Temple College in various sporting events
2007-2011 Project Judge, History Day Fair, University of Texas at Arlington
2004-2006 Project Judge, History Day Fair, Tarleton State University